

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 104167
ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY ARA/AND:RSTEVEN
APPROVED BY S/S-O:DROBINSON
-----042330 242007Z /41
R 241915Z APR 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BONN

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 104167

EXDIS

E.O. 11652:YGDS-1

TAGS: PEPR, CI, UK

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHILEAN RADICAL VISIT

REF: BINNS/MCNEIL OFFICIAL-INFORMALS OF 10/19 AND 12/5

FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT OF P R 021822Z FEB 78 FROM LONDON
QUOTE:

1. RADICAL PARTY EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE CARLOS PARRA ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT HE AND PARTY CHAIRMAN ANSELMO SULE, WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS RESIDENT IN MEXICO, WISH TO VISIT WASHINGTON THE WEEK BEGINNING APRIL 9. THEY PLAN TO SPEND ABOUT FOUR DAYS IN WASHINGTON, FOLLOWED BY ONE OR TWO DAYS IN NEW YORK. THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT WILL BE TO "DISCUSS CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS AND OTHERS".

2. PARRA HOPES THAT THEY WILL BE RECEIVED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN, YOU AND OTHER SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 104167

INTERESTED IN CHILE. WHILE THEY WILL BE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH ALREADY ESTABLISHED CONTACTS (OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THESE ARE MINIMAL), THEY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH: SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN (PARRA OFFERED THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS--SENATORS CHURCH, MCGOVERN, SARBANES, JAVITS, PERCY AND JACKSON: CONGRESS-

MEN FASCELL, FRASER, ROSENTHAL, HARRINGTON, YATRON, GILMAN AND LAGOMARSINO); AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, AIFLD, UAW AND MACHINISTS UNION; AND ACADEMIC AND OTHER PRIVATE GROUPS HAVING INTERESTS IN CHILE. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH WORLD BANK AND IADB, IF POSSIBLE, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT OFFICIAL CHILEAN REPRESENTATION IN THESE INSTITUTIONS MIGHT MAKE THIS DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE. PARRA ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH U.S. BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK.

3. COMMENT: PARRA, AS INDICATED IN REFERENCES, IS THE RADICAL PARTY'S PRINCIPAL CONTACT WITH THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) AND REGULARLY ATTENDS SI BUREAU MEETINGS. YOUNG, INTELLIGENT AND APPARENTLY ABLE, HE IS INEXPERIENCED IN BOTH DOMESTIC (CHILEAN) AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. HIS SI ROLE, HOWEVER, HAS BROUGHT HIM INTO REGULAR CONTACT WITH LEADING EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (E.G. WILLY BRANDT, OLOF PALME, MARIO SOARES) INTERESTED IN CHILE, AND HE HAS CLEARLY BEEN INFLUENCED BY THEIR ATTITUDES AND THINKING. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HE IS VERY UNCERTAIN AND TENTATIVE ABOUT APPROACHING THE DEPARTMENT AND U.S. POLITICAL LEADERS, BUT SEEMS GENERALLY WELL-DISPOSED AND HOPEFUL OF CREATING A MODERATE AND RESPONSIBLE IMPRESSION. HE DESCRIBES HIS OWN POSITION AS "DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST" OR OCCASIONALLY, "SOCIAL DEMO-CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 104167

CRATIC". THIS DISTINCTION IS IMPORTANT IN THE UK CONTEXT, WHERE PARRA HAS LIVED FOR EIGHT YEARS, WITH THE FORMER SUGGESTING A MORE LEFT-WING POSITION AND HAVING MARXIST CONNOTATIONS, ALBEIT DEMOCRATIC. HE CONVINCINGLY ARGUES THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE HAVE DRIVEN MOST POLITICAL PARTIES TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND PROFESSES TO HOPE FOR AN ACCOMODATION OR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RADICALS AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (PERHAPS UNDERSTANDABLE GIVEN THEIR RELATIVE STRENGTHS). WHILE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO JUDGE THE CURRENT OR PROSPECTIVE SITUATION IN CHILE NOR THE ROLE THE RADICALS MIGHT PLAY IN THE FUTURE, WE URGE THAT YOU BE AS RECEPTIVE AND RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO THIS OVERTURE, IF ONLY BECAUSE OF THE RADICAL PARTY'S CONNECTIONS WITH THE SI. THE SI AND ITS AFFILIATED PARTIES ARE PROFOUNDLY INTERESTED IN (THOUGH NOT ALWAYS WELL INFORMED ON) CHILE, AND REPORTS OF THE RESULTS OF THE RADICAL VISIT WILL CIRCULATE QUICKLY AMONG THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, INFLUENCING THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF USG POLICY.

4. WE UNDERSTAND FROM PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN'S POLITICAL ADVISOR THAT HM'S EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN

INSTRUCTED TO RAISE THIS PROPOSED VISIT WITH THE DEPARTMENT
EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT SULE AND PARRA WILL BE RECEIVED
AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL. CALLAGHAN AND LABOR
PARTY BELIEVE THAT FAILURE OF U.S. AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS
TO ENCOURAGE THE RADICAL PARTY WILL TEND TO DRIVE IT
LEFTWARD AND INTO THE ARMS OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST
PARTY.

5. FOR SANTIAGO: YOU MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THE ABOVE.

BREWSTER END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: VISITS, EXTREMISTS, POLITICAL LEADERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE104167
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: RSTEVEN
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780175-0120
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780423/aaaaatjf.tel
Line Count: 127
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: d3c0c9a8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2868182
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROPOSED CHILEAN RADICAL VISIT
TAGS: PEPR, CI, UK, (PARA, CARLOS)
To: BONN
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/d3c0c9a8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014